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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office action dated February 3, 2004. The Examiner has identified the following two groups of claims in the present application: Group I (claims 1-4) drawn to artifact removal suppression and Group II (claims 5-12) drawn to television or motion video signals. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II (claims 5-12) without traverse. The Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the remaining claims. Furthermore, the election of Group II should not be construed as an admission that the Applicants agree with the restriction requirement.

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